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State Department Hails Tshombe-Adoula Accord

The Tshombe-Adoula pact to restore unity in the Congo was hailed as welcome news by the United States yesterday.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said further meetings between Katanga President Moise Tshombe and Congo Premier Cyrille Adoula "are now in view to work out specific details of the reintegration."

"The United States Government welcomes the news that agreement on reintegrating Katanga into the Congo has been reached in the talks at Kitona," White said in a statement. He added:

"The goal is not a weaker Katanga, but a stronger Congo fully able to defeat subversion from within or attempts at outside domination.

"This has been the objective of U. S. policy in support of the United Nations in the Congo from the beginning."

While some senators expressed skepticism, White told newsmen the United States "regards as firm the commitment on the part of Mr. Tshombe" to accept the central Congolese Government's authority.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, (D-Conn.), who has called for a congressional investigation of U. S. Congo policy, said he hopes this is "a first step toward a just settlement." But he added that "much will depend upon a mutual willingness to compromise and upon the good faith, or lack of it, displayed by the people on both sides, as well as by United Nations officials."

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